

Cousin John brightens  
up once in awhile and  
talks quite like himself.  
He has told some very  
funny stories of the olden  
time which I will try to  
remember and tell you  
when you come home.

I suppose Annie told you  
that Cousin Lou painted  
two more pictures of the old  
house, one end view,  
and one, taking in the  
old willow and the back  
of the kitchen with the  
water barrel etc.

We are having a rain to night  
if only it holds out it will be  
such a blessing, the grain is  
all dying up this week.

Dr Allen is attending to Charles  
ears, says he dont see how he  
got along at all. says they  
are very badly inflamed.  
Aunt Jane said she was going

over with  
Annie  
soon  
on sure  
Saturday  
to see  
you.  
She will  
let your  
kind  
return.  
she said  
see if  
she had  
those  
shoes.  
Dear Millie  
April 14. 77  
Minnie

I dont know what you  
have thought of your mother  
for not writing to you for so  
long. Thank you for not  
returning evil for evil.  
I suppose you know that we  
have had Cousin Lou and  
Aunt Jane here, and now  
have Cousin John Sessions  
here. I am not making much  
progress in your sewing, but  
I do not suppose there is any  
thing immediately suffering  
about that. I am always  
expecting that just ahead  
of me lies the still unattained  
leisure time that is to enable  
me to do up the sewing.  
As it looks to me now, I shall  
reach that time next week



That is to say, if Cousin John goes back Monday as he expects to do. I never saw any one so broken as he is and I confess to some anxiety lest he should be taken down sick and not be able to go back. Annie seems to have somewhat recovered from her cold. Aunt Jane and Cousin Loue say that they do not see but that she is just about as she was. I wish I could think so. I don't think I should know how to get along very long with Cousin John and her in the same house.

The nurse to be so very very warm, and he seems to make her very nervous, by talking so much of his feelings and symptoms.

One thing amuses her very much, and that is the very meek way in which Papa submits when he takes some position about subjects spoken of, positions which if any one else was to take he would take them in hand pretty severely. You see there are but few things about which the two, (the puritan yankee <sup>presbyterian</sup>, and the Quaker congregational westerner can exactly agree, and knowing so well as I do the danger of collision on almost every subject that is started I am always a little anxious when they are together, and they used to collide in spite of my care, but Papa has been real good this time and as Annie says very meek.